Border Authorities, 1975, finalization of alignment of the proposed fence poses difficulties in areas where villages are located at or near the zero line. In the last Director General level Talks between Border Security Force and Bangladesh Rifles, the question of erecting fencing within 150 yards of the zero line in accordance with the objectives of the Joint India-Bangladesh Guidelines for Border Authorities, 1975 when ground limitations do not permit such fence beyond 150 yards of the zero line, was discussed.

The entire project of fencing along the Indo-Bangladesh border is targeted to be completed by 2007.

Undertrials in Jails

826. MISS MABEL REBELLO : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many undertrials are in various jails of the country on date alongwith State-wise figures for the last three years;

(b) the number of women and aged among them on date;

(c) whether it is true that the jail span of the undertrials have been unnecessarily extended.

(d) if so, how Government plan to solve this problem; and

(e) what steps have been taken by various State Governments and the Central Government for avoiding the delay in completing their judicial procedures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) and (b) The number of undertrial prisoners in various jails in the country during 1998, 1999 and 2000 was 2,02,564, 2,04,480 and 1,93,627 respectively and the number of women undertrial prisoners was 6649, 6347 and 6185. The aged undertrial women prisoners above fifty years among them were 433, 522 and 659 respectively. State-wise figures are given in the Statement enclosed. (*See* below).

(c) to (e) The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1994 introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 9th May, 1994 contains, *inter-alia,* a proposal to insert a new section namely; section 438 A in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 to provide that where an undertrial prisoner other than the one accused of an offence for which death has been prescribed as one of the punishments, has been under detention for a period extending to one-half of the maximum period of imprisonment provided for the alleged offence, he should be released on his personal bond, with or without sureties. It is also proposed to provide that in no case will an undertrial prisoner be detained beyond the maximum period of imprisonment for which he can be sentenced for the alleged offence.

Statement

Number of undertrial Prisoners in the country as on 31st December of the year

Sl. No.	State/UT	1998			1999			2000		
		Total	Female	Female above 50 years	Total	Female	Female above 50 years	Total	Female	Female above 50 years
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10060	470	69	8557	409	38	8993	507	70
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3.	Assam	4606	88	8	4390	93	3	4078	88	4
4.	Bihar	39096	947	NA	39449	996	86	29891	717	135
5.	Goa	290	5	0	288	5	0	319	7	0
6.	Gujarat	5077	148	5	4879	92	1	5193	139	4
7.	Haryana	5654	251	50	6015	242	46	7815	303	75
8.	Himachal Pradesh	388	13	1	392	13	5	532	19	4
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	1087	18	2	1189	23	3	1012	39	5
10.	Karnataka	6621	222	15	6780	188	12	7384	192	12
11.	Kerala	3130	119	11	3390	131	13	3754	142	29
12.	Madhya Pradesh	20434	465	47	18501	502	47	15578	403	54
13.	Maharashtra	14543	592	35	13960	471	27	15002	565	51

14.	Manipur	402	14	0	323	9	1	333	28	1
15.	Meghalaya	636	10	0	574	12	0	478	8	0
16.	Mizoram	735	77	0	486	76	1	844	78	3
17.	Nagaland	745	7	0	775	13	0	581	19	0
18.	Orissa	7903	222	29	8009	239	32	10087	323	29
19.	Punjab	7024	367	0	7430	344	3	8389	496	16
20.	Rajasthan	6514	199	23	6772	174	24	8362	253	24
21.	Sikkim	46	2	1	85	6	NA	100	2	0
22.	Tamil Nadu	9449	545	70	9289	705	57	2236	132	21
23.	Tripura	525	5	0	672	7	0	824	12	0
24.	Uttar Pradesh	41514	996	NA	44269	749	55	44121	918	63
25.	West Bengal	7223	535	25	8529	453	30	7964	404	27
	TOTAL (STATES)	**193702**	**6317**	**391**	**195003**	**5952**	**484**	**183870**	**5794**	**627**
26.	A and N Island	166	0	0	211	0	0	520	1	0
27.	Chandigarh	197	13	1	291	19	2	297	14	2
28.	D and N Haveli	215	1	0	39	1	0	149	4	0
29.	Daman and Diu	5	0	0	28	5	0	7	1	0
30.	Delhi	8187	307	41	8776	359	36	8650	368	30
31.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32.	Pondicherry	92	11	0	132	11	0	134	3	0
	TOTAL (UTs)	**8862**	**332**	**42**	**9477**	**395**	**38**	**9757**	**391**	**32**
	TOTAL (ALL INDIA)	**202564**	**6649**	**433**	**204480**	**6347**	**522**	**193627**	**6185**	**659**

NOTE : NA Stands for Not Available.

No jail exists in Arunachal Pradesh

For the year 2000, figures in respect of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh exclude the figures of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Uttaranchal respectively due to non availability of data of newly carved States.